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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 August 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,6 and 17-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,6 and 17-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Applicants' amendment filed 8-3-06 has been entered. Claim 1 has been amended.

Claims 1, 6 and 17-19 are pending and under consideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 18 recites the limitation "wherein the viral or non-viral vector" in lines 1-2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Claim 18 depends from claim 1 but there is no "viral or non-vial vector" in claim 1. Applicants' amendment filed 8-3-06 necessitates this new ground of rejection.
3. Claim 19 recites the limitation "wherein the viral or non-viral vector" in lines 1-2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Claim 18 depends from claim 1 but there is no "viral or non-vial vector" in claim 1. Applicants' amendment filed 8-3-06 necessitates this new ground of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

5. Claims 1, 6 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which

was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Applicants' amendment filed 8-3-06 necessitates this new ground of rejection.

Claim 1 is amended to read on administering an AAV vector encoding a alpha-galactosidase A to a subject, wherein the administration of the vector results in targeting of the alpha-galactosidase A to the liver, which is considered new matter. Applicants point out support for such amendment at p. 28, line 1 to p. 30, line 5 and p. 20, lines 12-13 of the specification. Page 28, line 1 to page 30, line 5 of the specification generally discusses characteristics of AAV vector, and page 20, lines 12-13 states that “[t]his combination is proven effective as an alternative to steroids and cyclosporine, and when specifically targeting the liver”. It appears that the statement on page 20 concerns combination of immunosuppressant agents targeting to the liver with a combination therapy. There is no nexus between administration of an AAV vector encoding alpha-galactosidase A to a subject and targeting the alpha-galactosidase A to the liver in a subject. There is also no nexus between administering an AAV vector encoding alpha-galactosidase ex vivo, i.e. to a cell outside a subject, and targeting the alpha-galactosidase A to the liver in a subject. The specification fails to provide sufficient support for the amended claim 1. Therefore, the amended claim 1 is considered new matter.

Applicants cite reference Cristiano and argue that Cristiano teaches targeted and efficient gene delivery into the liver for gene therapy of hepatic deficiency (amendment, p. 4). This is not found persuasive because of the reasons set forth above. Cristiano teaches gene delivery into liver via conjugated adenovirus-DNA complex. Cristiano does not teach liver-specific gene

delivery via AAV vector. Therefore, the specification still fails to provide sufficient support for the amended claim 1.

Conclusion

No claim is allowed.

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shin-Lin Chen whose telephone number is (571) 272-0726. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 6 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla can be reached on (571) 272-0735. The fax phone number for this group is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to (571) 272-0547.

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